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Medusa
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SALEM

Alex
STARS CABARET
SALEM

As winter approaches, it's my duty to inform you that there are around 60 days left of 2025. This is of paramount importance, because I know some of you will make those useless New Year's resolutions that will do nothing more than interrupt your alcohol consumption and strip club attendance...and for what? Just to relapse sometime in late January or early February? I won't try to reason with you because I know the resolutions will get made regardless, so instead, I'll just remind you that you have under two months to tear it up like never before. So without further ado, let's focus on building that itinerary for you. Thank me later!

Anyone who regularly reads this column will know we start it off right, with birthdays! First up, on Saturday, November 1, it's Dick Hennessy's 46th Birthday Party at AJ's Gentlemen's Club. This will be a double whammy to your future sobriety plans, because it's also Miss Exotic Oregon 2026 Qualifier Round 5 that night. If you're still standing the next week, head to Desire on Friday, November 7, for Amora's Birthday Bash. Then, on Saturday, November 22, it's Vera's Birthday Celebration at Flesh and Bones Lounge. Happy Birthday from all of us at Exotic, Dick and ladies (holy shit, that has a nice ring!)

And now, it's on to other industry happenings! Who likes boobs and baked goods, and in that order? Umm, yes, please! It's the 7th Annual Stripper Bake-Off at Lucky Devil Lounge on Thursday, November 20. What's more, it benefits the Portland Rescue Mission, so we expect you all to attend!

Lastly, we have a few Thanksgiving dinners for you, with all the fixin's—both on Thanksgiving proper! Head over to AJ's Gentlemen's Club on Thursday, November 27, for their \$5 Thanksgiving dinner, or to Stars Cabaret in Salem for a free Thanksgiving dinner with paid admission! (Pro tip: visit both clubs and eat the best dinner of the year, twice.)

MISS EXOTIC 2026

Three rounds down in the pageant, and we've already seen some incredible performances! If you haven't made it to one of the qualifier rounds so far, you're definitely missing some fantastic performances and memorable industry moments!

I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our qualifying finalists to date (when we sent this issue to press):

Round 1: Blossom from Kit Kat Club, Daphne from Hawthorne Strip, and Matilda Blu from Kit Kat Club

Round 2: Jupiter Haze from Casa Diablo, Belladonna from Guilty Pleasures, and Amora from Desire

Round 3: Lina from Secret Lounge & Sweet Illusions, Alex from Stars Cabaret (Salem), and Medusa from Stars Cabaret (Salem)

(Check the left-hand page to see photos of all the aforementioned finalists in action during their qualifying set.)

Don't miss the remaining qualifier rounds happening this month:

Qualifier Round 5: Saturday, November 1, at AJ's Gentlemen's Club

Qualifier Round 6: Friday, November 7, at Guilty Pleasures

Qualifier Round 7: Thursday, November 13, at Cabaret

And then...it's off to the ultimate showdown for the biggest industry night of the year: The Finals on Black Friday...Friday, November 28, at Dante's in downtown Portland. *Don't miss this night, people!*

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DICK HENNESSY'S 46TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

SUN 02 – DANTE'S – SINFERNO CABARET

FRI 07 – DESIRE – AMORA'S BIRTHDAY BASH

FRI 07 – GUILTY PLEASURES
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SUN 09 – DANTE'S – SINFERNO CABARET

THU 13 – CABARET
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SUN 16 – DANTE'S – SINFERNO CABARET

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BY WOMBSTRETCHA THE MAGNIFICENT

RUDE GESTURES AROUND THE WORLD

I say "rude gestures," but when you hear that, you're going to think of the MTV music videos from the 1990s (er, depending on your age) and how, when Cypress Hill flipped off the camera, they blurred it and put "[rude gestures]" in the closed caption. We're all aware of the finger, the middle one, of course. A classic for letting people know you are disappointed in their driving skills. However, there are far more than just your lonely middle finger, even if raised in anger and accompanied by profanities in abundance.

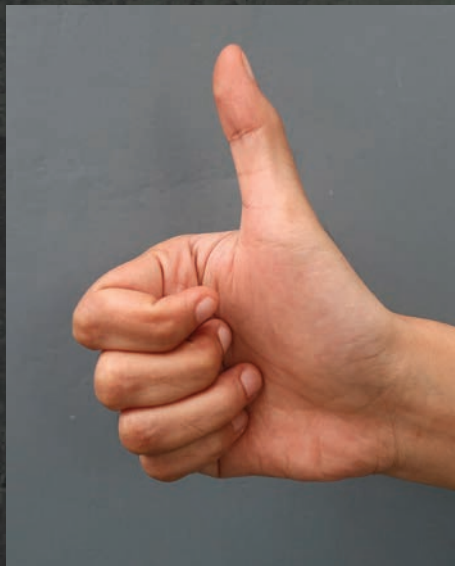
Many cultures have their own gestural slights. We are going to explore them.



The Fig

You know what it is. It's sort of the "got your nose" gesture, wherein you put your thumb between your index and middle finger. Here in these United States, nobody really cares about this one, but don't try it in Japan, Indonesia, Turkey, or Russia. It is considered very offensive in those countries—basically, an Eastern version of the middle finger. In Turkey, it means you are trying to pick a fight. So be careful you don't sling that one, or you might be the recipient of a "Turkish

handshake," where you get stabbed in the buttcheeks. Turkey considers a stab below the waist not to be attempted murder, and thus, you are off the hook for a serious crime, even though you stabbed someone. Don't pull out the fig, unless you want trouble in those countries.



Thumbs-Up

Dating back to antiquity, the thumbs up has had many meanings, and not all of them were positive. It is commonly seen as a sign of approval, indicating that you enjoy what is going on or what is up. It is a common misconception that in ancient Rome, a thumbs-up from the emperor or anyone in the front seat of a gladiator fight meant the fighters were to be spared their lives. Not so. The thumbs-up back then meant "kill that fool." To spare them, they would hold out a closed fist, thumb tucked in. In the countries of Nigeria, Iran, Russia, and even Australia and Italy, it's the physical equivalent of telling someone you fucked their mom. Avoid doing so, should you be in one of those places. I've a hard time believing the Australian thing, because that's a society that uses the word "cunt" as punctuation.



OK Sign

There has been recent talk in the USA about this being some sort of pejorative, or even racist, sign. Typically, most not-insane people do not mind the OK sign, but that's not to say it doesn't have different meanings in other countries. France and Germany consider it offensive for reasons, as does Brazil. My research indicates that this hand gesture references not the letters O and K to mean things are okay, but instead, that those places think it is a reference to you being an asshole. I sorta get it...if you don't speak English, it can be seen as a symbol of you calling someone an asshole, because it kinda looks like a blown-out anus. Richard Nixon famously flashed the OK in Brazil, where they basically thought he was giving the entire country the finger, and booed him for doing so.



Peace Sign

Two fingers in a "V" shape. We know what it is, but it has different meanings elsewhere. When you throw it, palm facing the crowd, it is a well-known signal against war. When the palm faces you, it's seen as an anti-peace sign or a signal of warlike intentions. I don't think people here in the USA would even notice, but they certainly notice it in places like the Arabian states, where it is top-tier asshole.



Two Finger

This is a British one. The Brits will send you off in disapproval with their index and middle fingers, raised and held tightly together. Research reveals that they did this as a salute to the French during the Battle of Agincourt in the year 1415. The result of that battle was a decisive English victory, despite being outnumbered by the French, who, having succumbed to the English archers in droves, would cut off their bow fingers if they captured an Englishman. So, the point of the gesture at the time was to let the French know they could still wield a bow. Take it forward a few centuries, and it just basically means fuck off.



Pointing

You might think this to be innocuous. Pointing your finger to say, "Hey, yes, I'm talking to you in particular." However, it is considered quite a slight in Arab countries, Africa, and Asia, depending. The Japanese don't really care because it's a way to suggest you're interested in an item or referring to a person,

but Koreans consider it very rude. Several African states do so, as well. Watch out where you point your finger, as you could be inadvertently pissing someone off.



Beckoning

The idea of using your index finger to be like "come here" or "I should like to speak to you" is taboo in a number of places. South America in particular, as they think the gesture is one that would summon an animal. Thus, you are calling them animals by merely wagging your finger. They really do not like that, and it could even start a fight. So if you're down in the Amazon domains, and I don't mean the website where I buy cheap Chinese shit, do avoid using your finger to call someone. Just say "Hey Paco!" and "It's good."



Finger Cross

It is known in our country that if you cross your fingers, you're either lying or want to win the lottery. However, in Vietnam, it is, to them, a symbol of female genitals. So, if you cross fingers in front of a Vietnamese person, you're basically calling them a cunt. Even worse if you do so behind the back, as we in the U.S. often do.



Hang Loose

The raised thumb and extended pinky typically describes a notion that you should be taking life easy. Typically used by Polynesian islanders, it is a familiar gesture, but not all people think it is something to celebrate. Greeks, Portuguese, Spaniards, and Brazilians consider the hang loose or "shaka sign" to be offensive. Apparently, it means you are suggesting that the recipient's wife is a whore. That got dark real fast! Not to be confused with the metal horns, which are index and pinky raised, preferably while headbanging flowing locks of hair, but the two get mistaken for one another, and I'm not sure how or why. Are there a lot of Greeks at GWAR shows?

Let us think about this colossal confusion of contemporary conflation of gestures. Now you know, and be mindful, or just be an asshole when you travel. All good either way.

Have a safe journey when traveling, but make sure you stick to not gesturing to people. They just may take it in a way you did not expect.

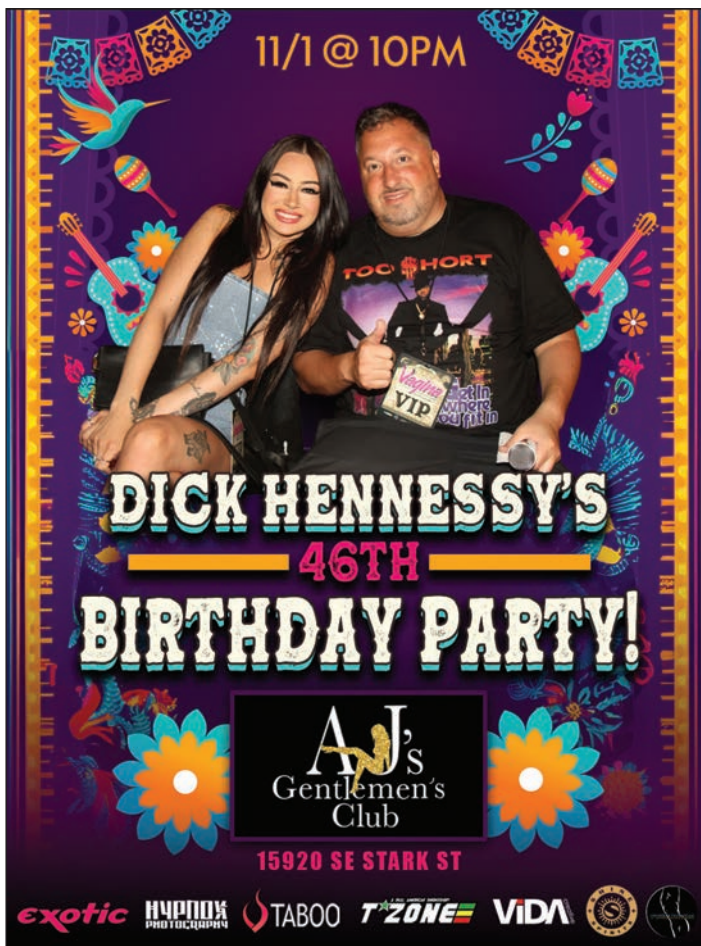
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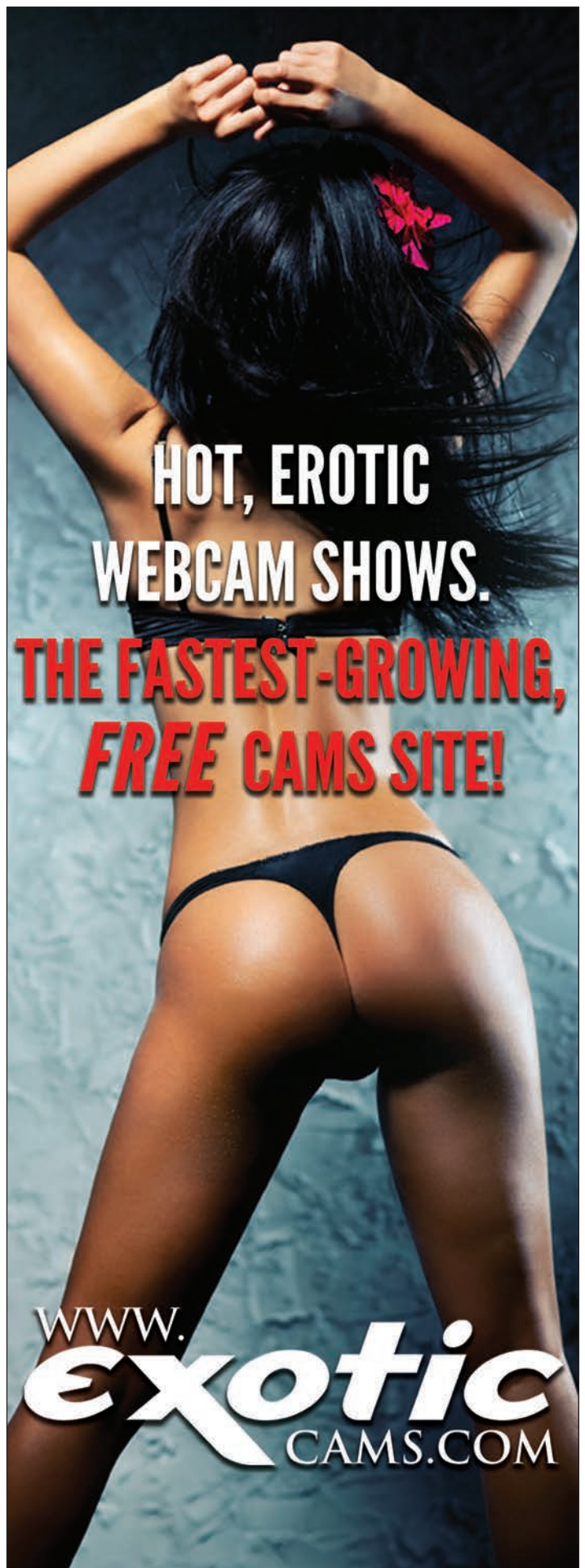
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A woman with long blonde hair and red eye makeup is posing on a dark wooden structure, possibly a bar or stage. She is wearing a white, strappy bikini top and bottom. She has several tattoos: a small red one on her upper right arm, a black floral one on her lower right arm, and a large red one on her right thigh that says "Ducati". She is wearing clear high-heeled sandals with silver ankle straps. One of the ankle straps has a stack of US dollar bills tied to it. She is leaning against the wooden structure with her right hand. The background is dark with a bright red light source in the upper right corner.

Ducati

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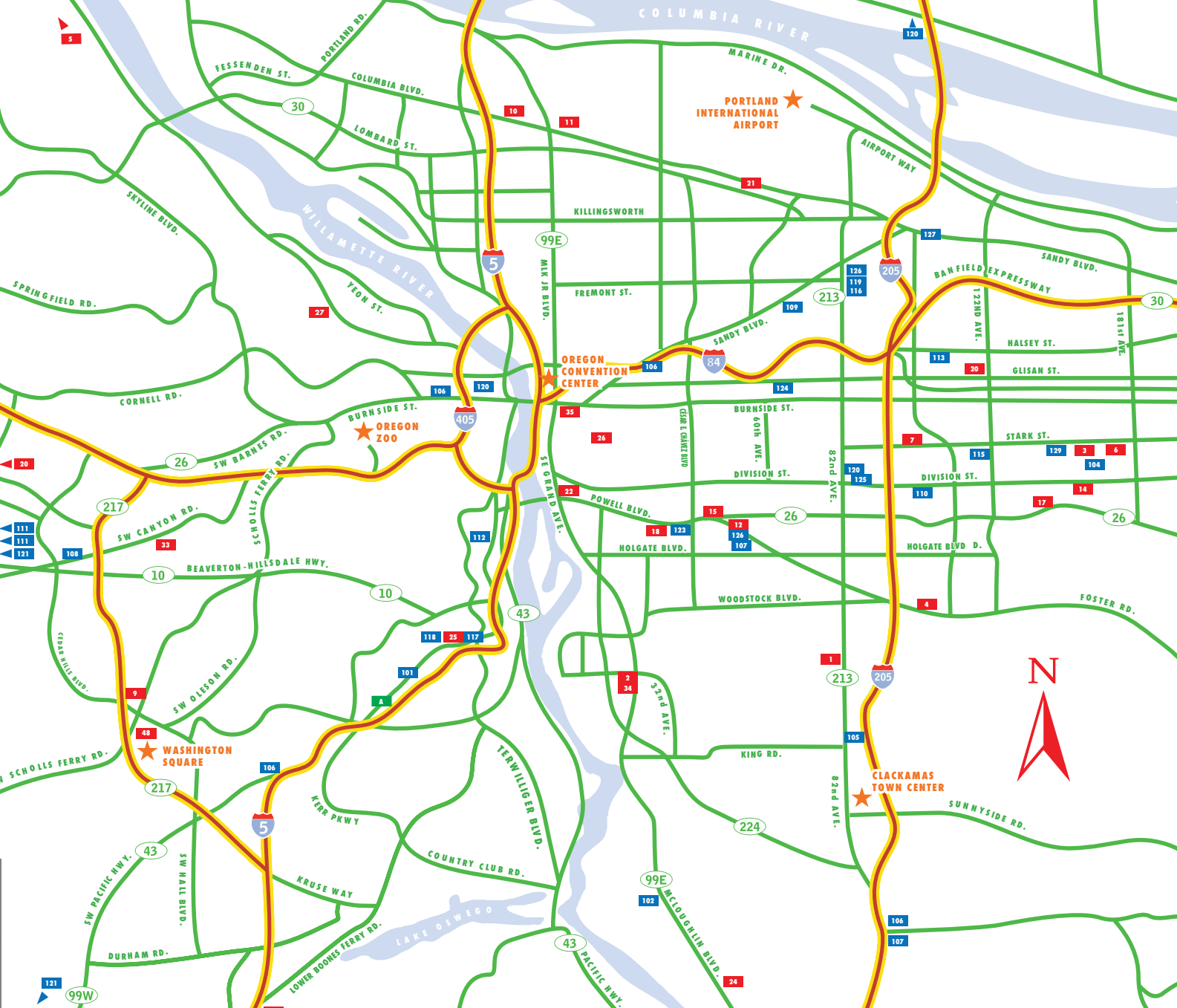
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BONE LAKE

By Ian Sellwood

I don't want to make you think I'm one of those normie Andrew Tate fans, but...after this month's selection, and how I was introduced to it...I don't know, dear readers. I'm starting to think the matrix is real.

I'll try my best to avoid spoilers in this preamble, but I think referencing the marketing of this film is fair game since it's all out there already.

I realize that the based and wise tech wizards of the Bay Area use algorithms, AI, and all that fun stuff to curate social media advertisements. That's not news. Since starting this column, I've been noticing the movies that I come across on Instagram, TikTok, and the others are all, well...they're all clearly movies I'd be interested in. The kinds with titties and fucking and so on.

Now normally, I'd be grateful for this, since it makes choosing movies to review easier, but...this last pick...well. I don't know how else to say this, but I kinda feel like I was cat-fished.

Keep me honest here, but the marketing for this movie all seems to be screaming "NUDITY!" "FUCK SCENES!" "THIS MOVIE IS HORNY!" Like, to a degree that made even *me* roll my eyes.

There's even a social media ad that plays an abridged and blurred version of the opening scene (again, this is in an ad, so I don't think it's spoilers). It's clear we're seeing two naked people running, and the text is all like "That's just the beginning!" so, like...forgive me for thinking this would be the perfect movie to review. I definitely felt burned from last month's film, so I went in cautiously.

Spoilers Ahead!

So I definitely got burned, but not as badly. There is *some* nudity in this film and *some* fuck scenes, but not *nearly* the amount that they were teasing in the marketing campaign. It wasn't an absolute "fuck you," like *The Threesome* with its aggressive lack of fap-able content. But...it wasn't anything spe-

cial. I'd say there was an "acceptable amount" of titties and fucking that you'd expect from your average trashy slasher. It was on the pruder side of the spectrum, but still within the ballpark.

All that to say, this film was simply nothing special. I left the theater with balls still full, but I couldn't quite figure out why.

You see, the beginning had the scene they were showing on Instagram (but it was unblurred, obviously). You get to see some ass and titties and a split second of a little, uncircumcised weiner. Not much in the bush area, but like...we started fairly strong.

And there's definitely a horny ramp-up. One attractive couple is going to a house in the middle of nowhere for a romantic getaway, and then—hey, another couple shows up. Oh golly gee whiz, what's gonna happen now? It seemed like porno-level writing.

Then there's just a whole bunch of talking about relationships, like therapy-speak bullshit.



I'll let you know now to save your time: YOU DO NOT GET TO SEE EITHER OF THE LEAD GAL'S FULLY NUDE.

There are fuck scenes, but once again, those dumb, boring, pointless *clothed* fuck scenes. The first couple go at it fairly early on, but the low-rent Florence Pugh has her bra on, and the camera angle is so that you can't see ass or bush. The *real* Florence Pugh actually gets naked—what's this cheap knockoff's excuse?

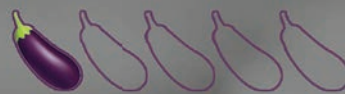
The other couple also fucks, and they are *more* naked, but dude's hands are on her

tits the whole time, and she's...wearing her panties?! I may or may not have had sex before, but I am fairly certain those need to be off to successfully fornicate. Please write the email below to prove me wrong, but I doubt you will.

Then you get some grainy, closed-circuit footage of some couples fucking with nudity, but again, it's black and white and grainy, and it appears to be the couple from earlier that we already saw.

At the end of the day—er movie, there is something, but there's not *nearly* as much as the marketing campaign led me to believe. The whole experience reminded me of going to a strip club. Just one big cock tease. It's like...these filmmakers know we *want* to see nudity and fucking. They know we want to see that magical five-eggplant movie. They infect our social media and our peripheries with ads that bait us into thinking they're finally making movies for horny connoisseurs like myself, and then, it's just...like a normal amount of nudity and fucking. Nothing special.

Between this, *The Threesome*, and *Sinners*, I'm seeing this really disturbing trend in movies, where it's like they know what we want, but they don't want to give it to us. My question is, why? What is the point? What am I missing? It just seems cruel. There have been full-on penetration scenes in mainstream movies since the '70s. It's not illegal. It's not boundary pushing. What's going on? Someone tell me. Someone show me the way out of the matrix.



1/5 eggplants

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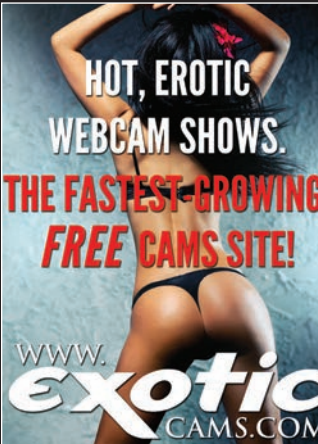


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VIDEO GAMES THAT YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF

BY HANNAH ONE CUP

I enjoyed video games as a child, just as I do as an adult. I remember my brother and I taking paper bags full of Nintendo 64 game cartridges to Blockbuster or Game Crazy, and turning them in for a whopping 13 dollars. I swear, the price of the games went up and down just based on the store clerk's inability to actually find the obscure games we would sometimes have on hand, so they would just come up with a number between 1 and 3 dollars.

Yes, obscure games were something we always had on hand, because our family was not rich. I'm sure the game systems we would purchase every year were what caused so many leftover spaghetti family nights at home. So that meant there was absolutely no budget for an actual game. We might as well have bought a TV with no electricity and just stared at the screen. But the way back time machine in my head remembers the days that Game Crazy, or wherever else sold games, would have these, like...bins of game cartridges or boxes (if it was the PS2 era), most of which had no box around them, and if it did have a box, it was one that only had the name of the game. *Maybe* a poorly printed picture of the game cover would be on it, but that was extremely rare.

With these games, we had to just pray and hope for the best. It was a game of Russian roulette as to whether the game was going to be worth \$3.99 or a total stinker. You could try asking the store clerk if they knew anything about it, but chances are high they'd just say, "No, I don't actually have any idea, even though I work here," or straight up tell some huge lie about a storyline that doesn't even exist in the game. You then wonder if they confused the game you bought with some other game that you might have left in the bin. Damn! That game sounded so much cooler!

A lot of off-brand, Mario-style games were played, many Japanese games with no English translation, or really bizarre fighter

games that wanted to be Mortal Kombat, but had no storyline, and if it had been turned into a movie it would have ended up in the same hall as Warriors of Virtue (Look it up, if you need to. It's got kangaroos and a kid I always confuse for Elijah Wood).



Since video games were pretty much the only thing kids talked about, not being able to play relevant games to chat with other kids about was a bit of a pain and severely hindered my tactics for making friends. It's fine...I am who I am today because of these first-world problems...okay, back to the topic at hand...I wanted to talk to people about "Mystical Ninja starring Goemon," which was a 1997 N64 blockbuster hit made by Konami, but the problem is that Mario 64 came out around the same exact time. From 1997 to 2003, that game sold 5,943,556 copies in the U.S. During that same period, 54,703 copies of my Mystical Ninja game were sold. Let that sit in as to how relevant I was as a child, and where that's led me to now, as a semi-functioning adult.



Mystical Ninja was about a ninja (no *duh*) and a gang of other offbeat characters you collect, trying to prevent the Peach Mountain Shoguns' gang from turning Japan into a Westernized fine-arts theater (thank you, Wikipedia, for assisting me with describing a game I played so long ago). I vividly remember saying things such as "Just like Mario..." quietly, to the kids I was trying to talk into playing it. Too bad for them, I had literally the only copy available—probably in the entire state.



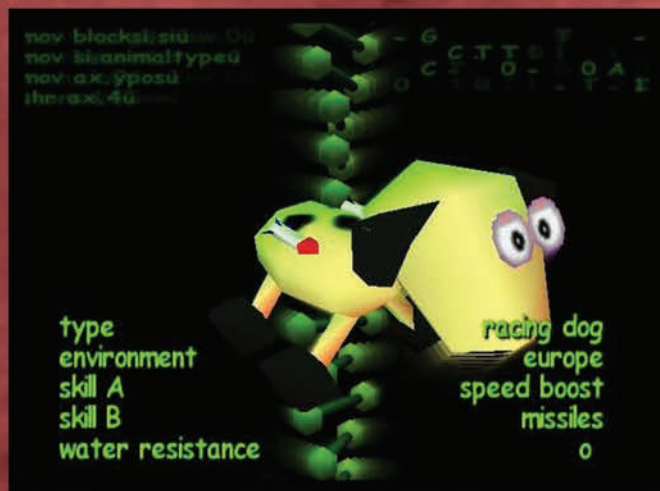
We also can't forget about Glover. Wait... I guess we really can't forget about Glover...this game had sequels all the way up to current game systems? That's insane. How far could you actually take a glove meandering around the world on various round objects? One wasn't even round! I don't even remember the actual plot of

this game, and I never actually finished it. But again...I was the only one playing it, so I don't feel like I lost out on much. This game did help strengthen my stubbornness by refusing to give up on finding the damn bouncy ball I would continuously fall off of.

Then there was *Space Station Silicon Valley*. The story revolves around a microchip that hops around like a little bug and can then hop in and out of living creatures. Its main goal is to find this spaceship that was housing "robot" creatures. That's all I remember about the actual game itself. I gave up during this one level where you "hopped" into a penguin, and had to maneuver your way around the ice to get to this tiny hole in the ground. Ice in N64 was just a death wish for creatures on two legs, and those who were controlling them with a joystick.

There were a *ton* of these "off-brand", off-the-beaten-path-by-20-miles games when I had my PS2, but honestly, I don't want to get into all that. That was the era I thought I was into horror games and also wanted to visit Japan (still do), so there were a lot of "Fatal Frame-esque" games being played. They were made even scarier by the fact that the budget they had was far less than the real deal, and was glitchy AF, so trying to escape certain creatures was sometimes impossible by no fault of your own. Blame capitalism for your need for a bigger budget to play actual playable games on the console your family spent all their holiday money on.

These games were major parts of my childhood. The only *big* game I ever got to play was *Ocarina of Time*, which is the best game in the world. I spent all the money I earned from my bag-o-games on this title. I regret nothing. I had very little in common with kids back then because I was no "niche"... which is just how I'm describing being poor, but interesting. The friends I made were ones that stuck with me for some reason, and enjoyed playing by Shein-style games, albeit with lots of "Why the heck do you own this?!" judgments made. I wonder what those kids are up to now. I bet they're not thinking about any of these games, or the time they spent watching me show them how to turn the microchip into a racing dog and use rockets to go real fast.



Hannah One Cup can be found moving around objects into her newly acquired home (Yeah, we are now 30 years in debt! Woo!), or trying to figure out how to redownload her pirated version of *Sims 3* because f*** EA. Keep it real! Real classy. Just like the end of this article.



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By Blazer Sparrow

This issue will come out in November, so who knows whether or not this magazine will still exist, and whether or not I'll be thrown in a thought-control prison for daring to like a J.D. Vance couch-fucker meme.



If you are reading this, I'll assume everything is okayish for now, but we both know that the peace is tenuous at best. Is the ICE facility on Macadam still open? Is Kristi Noem still there on the roof taking fucking selfies for some reason? Are National Guard troops picking up trash in Tom McCall Park? Is there a curfew? Are they going door to door, checking your phone to see if you have any anti-Trump memes on your camera roll?

Who fucking knows. Deadlines for these pieces are pretty early in the previous month, so God knows what the next three weeks will hold. I'm writing this at a time when a federal judge blocked the failed reality star's attempt to deploy federal troops. Our Governor has also directed the 200 members of the National Guard to demobilize.

But again, three weeks is a long time. Whatever the situation is, I'm sure you're wondering what the hell a sad little musician such as yourself can do to help. Unless you're a bootlicking psychopath, who is super stoked that people are being extrajudicially kidnapped because they look vaguely Hispanic. In which case, just stop reading this and continue hitting on the stripper. Try touching

her! See what happens!

For those of you with a baseline level of empathy, I'm certain the above events are causing quite a bit of stress and uncertainty. Statistically speaking, you're most likely white and straight, so you're in no direct danger (yet). However, I should hope that the actions of this absolute joke of a regime, which are affecting more vulnerable members of your community, are at least somewhat upsetting to you. If they're not, again, I'm sure the stripper actually likes you. Try touching her!

Portland is easy to make fun of. I get it. I think that TV show by Fred and Carrie made us all feel seen in a way that made us uncomfortable, but come on, everyone. Let's take a joke and embrace our cringe. Yes, we can be insufferable, but dangerous? A war zone? The spray-tanned, senile, dipshit who clearly just had a stroke is watching videos from *five years ago*, of like one city block of protests. Again, those protests were five years ago. There was some broken glass and some fires, yes, but life went on. I biked to work, *through downtown*, every day through those protests.

The morbidly obese golfer says Portland is like "World War II." I mean, technically, yes. Besides one naval base in Hawaii, American soil saw zero combat during World War II. We did have internment camps for folks of non-white descent, so maybe *that's* what he's referring to?

There's no point trying to point-by-point refute these absurd claims made about this awesome (albeit silly) city. If you're a musician, you are probably wondering, "What can I do with my skills as an orator, poet, and performer to help defend this city from a fascist invasion?" Every-

one needs to do their part and whatnot. We did just organize a naked bike ride in response to this nonsense. You want to get up and help out, right? Well, here are some things your little musical project can do to fight the good fight.



Attend or Supply a Protest

Whoever has been telling you "protests don't do anything" is secretly a fed. Here's the thing...while it seems like gathering in the streets with signs doesn't appear to have any direct effect on stopping these inhumane actions from this administration, *not* protesting is basically telling these assholes that the people agree with their actions. We don't. It seems futile, but not doing it at all is much more dangerous, because then we're validating these atrocities. If you're unable to attend a protest, you can still supply them. Go to Walmart and steal a case of water and some power bars. Drop it off and go back to work. Every little bit helps. Whatever you do, do *not* set up and start busking. That does not help.

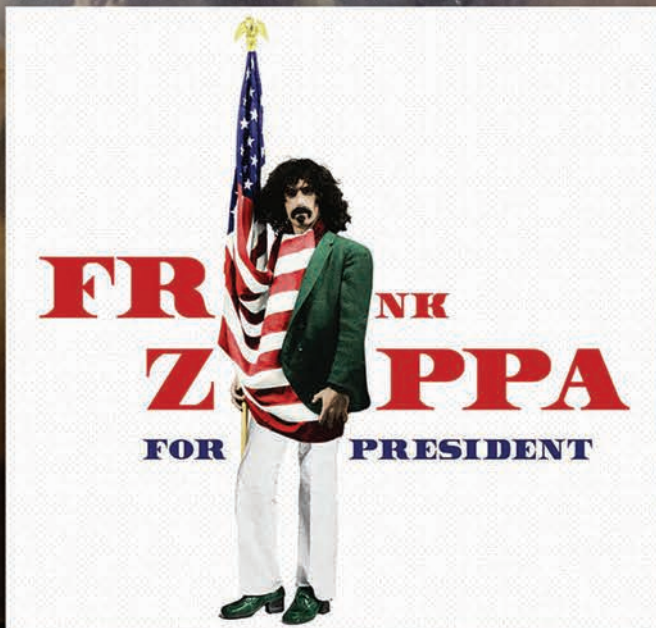
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Social media is horrible and has led to a lot of awfulness in our society, but until we destroy it, we might as well use these tech oligarchs' hideous creations against the police state they're enabling and facilitating. The *one* thing I like about TikTok is that it gives direct

access to shit happening on the ground. The convicted rapist is using videos from five years ago to justify an invasion. Combat the narrative by flooding the internet with videos of shit happening here right now. It's dudes in frog and chicken suits. It's naked bike rides. The only violence being done is from state agents to said guys in frog and chicken suits. Instead of posting about your band, go down to the ICE facility and post what is happening down there. Make yourself useful, singer-song-writer softboi.

Vote, Run for Office

I can't find the video, but there's an interview with Frank Zappa, where he's asked what the kids can do to stop all the bullshit happening in America during the Reagan Administration. His response was, "Vote, run for office." At the end of the day, the right-wing takeover of the country was possible 'cause these evil fucks played the long game and worked themselves up into positions of power, while us good (but lazy) fucks just wanted to be cool and do art. Look where it's gotten us. And before you retort with some horseshit about voting not doing anything due to gerrymandering, and primaries being rigged, etc., etc., shut the hell up. Less than 50 percent of the voting age population ever turns up to the polls. Can you imagine the sea change that would occur if it were a hundred percent? We've never known, because it's never happened. I'll hang up my pen and resign in shame if it turns out more than half of the country actually wants this shit, but I seriously doubt that's the case. It takes a lot of money to run a campaign, but you gotta start somewhere. Comp-troller? Alderman? Something's in reach. Instead of using all that networking to get people to come to your shows, use it to get people to vote for you. Guarantee it'll do more good than donating all proceeds from an ill-attended show to a food bank. Sorry to burst your bubble.



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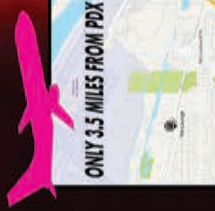
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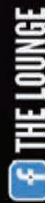
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